



General Assembly

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***Amendment***

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 311

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING RURAL DEVELOPMENT."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-188 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
5 *1, 2002*):

6 (a) Any municipality, in addition to such powers as it has under the  
7 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, shall have the  
8 power to: [(1) adopt and amend]

9 (1) Adopt a charter which shall be its organic law and shall  
10 supersede any existing charter, including amendments thereto, and  
11 shall supersede all special acts that are inconsistent with such charter  
12 or amendments. [, which] Such charter [or amended charter] may  
13 include the provisions of any special act concerning the municipality

14 but [which] shall not otherwise be inconsistent with the constitution or  
15 general statutes. [, provided nothing] Nothing in this section shall be  
16 construed to provide that any special act or charter provision relative  
17 to any municipality is repealed solely because such special act or  
18 provision is not included in the charter; [or amended charter; (2)  
19 amend]

20 (2) Adopt amendments to a charter which shall supersede any  
21 existing charter provisions amended, and shall supersede all special  
22 acts that are inconsistent with such amendments. Such amendment  
23 may include the provisions of any special act concerning the  
24 municipality but shall not otherwise be inconsistent with the  
25 Constitution or general statutes. Nothing in this section shall be  
26 construed to provide that any special act or charter provision relative  
27 to any municipality is repealed solely because such special act or  
28 charter provision is not included in an amendment;

29 (3) Amend a home rule ordinance which has been adopted prior to  
30 October 1, 1982, which revised home rule ordinance shall not be  
31 inconsistent with the constitution or the general statutes; [and (3)  
32 repeal] and

33 (4) Repeal any such home rule ordinance by adopting a charter,  
34 provided the rights or benefits granted to any individual under any  
35 municipal retirement or pension system shall not be diminished or  
36 eliminated.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-192 of the general statutes is  
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
39 *1, 2002*):

40 (a) Every charter, special act and home rule ordinance in effect on  
41 October 1, 1982, shall continue in effect until repealed or superseded  
42 by the adoption of a charter, charter amendments or home rule  
43 ordinance amendments in accordance with this chapter, the provisions

44 in any charter in existence on said date governing revision or  
45 amendment to the contrary notwithstanding. Nothing in this section  
46 shall prohibit the adoption of a revised home rule ordinance or home  
47 rule ordinance amendments by any method established in such home  
48 rule ordinance if the provisions concerning such method were in effect  
49 on July 15, 1959. Any municipality administering its local affairs under  
50 the provisions of the general statutes or special acts adopted prior to  
51 said date may continue to so administer its local affairs [until] and may  
52 amend its charter under such special acts in addition to the right of the  
53 electors of such municipality to avail themselves of the provisions of  
54 this chapter to adopt a charter or to amend a charter. Any municipality  
55 having as its organic law a home rule ordinance or a revised or  
56 amended home rule ordinance shall after any revision or amendment  
57 of such ordinance publish, in a single document, any such home rule  
58 ordinance and shall make such ordinance available at a nominal cost to  
59 any member of the public."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>